

## Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

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Dear Hospital or Clinic Administrator:

I am sure you are aware that the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDPD) will begin the collection of emergency department and ambulatory surgery data in February of 2005. We refer to this as the expanded phase of MIRCal – Medical Information Reporting for California. The data to be reported will cover patients seen during the last quarter of 2004 (October – December).

I am writing to inform you that because of a delay in the regulation adoption process, the regulations governing the expanded phase of MIRCal will not become effective until late November. While we do not expect any substantial changes from the draft regulations we circulated earlier, OSHPD will not impose this reporting requirement on facilities without officially adopted regulations. Nevertheless, OSHPD will continue with development and implementation and will open the system for reporting of fourth quarter 2004 data shortly after the first of the year.

I encourage you to gather and report your data for this first cycle anyway. This will give you an excellent opportunity to test your reporting systems with extra support and assistance from OSHPD. There will be no penalties invoked for non-reporting of fourth quarter 2004 data and no fees will be assessed of clinics for 2004 data.

Full implementation of the expanded phase of MIRCal will occur with first quarter 2005 data. Roll out to all facilities will begin in March of 2005 and data will be officially due to OSHPD on May 15, 2005.

Thank you for your patience and understanding and for the tremendous support and input you and your staffs have provided and continue to provide in the development of MIRCal.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please feel free to contact the MIRCal project manager, Starla Ledbetter, at (916) 327-5839 or [sledbett@oshpd.ca.gov](mailto:sledbett@oshpd.ca.gov).

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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